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Laurie Eberhardt grew up in Indiana and is a graduate of Earlham College. She has a MS and PhD both from the University of Florida in Zoology. Her Master's thesis was a research project on the energetics of singing in Carolina Wrens. Her dissertation included research on communication and breeding biology of Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers. Since coming to Valparaiso in 1994 she has continued work on the ecology of the plant-animal interaction between sapsuckers and their host trees. She teaches ecology and related courses in the biology department at Valparaiso University. Many of her courses include field trips to the coastal area of Indiana including the National Lakeshore and State Park where students often do laboratory exercises and short research projects on the ecology of regional systems.

Professor Eberhardt is interested in green space preservation and ecosystem management in the coastal area. She represents the university constituency on the CAB. She especially enjoys developing service learning projects that involve student collection of useful ecological data that can help area resource managers as well as enhance student learning.